PRIVATE. Mysore, 19th November 1924.

Dear Mr. Mirza Mohd. Ismail,

I hope you have arrived Dehradun safely and that you had a pleasant journey.

While you were leaving Mysore, you casually mentioned to me regarding an article that has appeared in one of the Local papers stating that I was drawingly Rs.400/- and was only an Asst. Traffic Superintendent on the State Railways. On enquiry, I find that the article has appeared in the Mysore Chronicle. I send herewith copies of two letters from the Mysore Chronicle for your information which would give out the reasons for his anger against me.

Unfortunately ~~we have limited~~ funds for advertisements and it is not possible to extend the patronage to every local newspaper. I was sorry to see, that the paper has misrepresented the facts, as I have been a District Traffic Superintendent for the last 6 years and next year my salary normally would be Rs.1050-50-1550 and we are expecting that the Lee Commission Report would shortly further increase our pay and unless the Railway Board had very strong reasons, I am sure, they would not have selected a Mahomadan Officer to be sent on deputation to a Hindu State, when there were other Hindu Officers in the Department. It will also be allowed, that my stay in Mysore has been more as a labour of love and that I have lived here more as a Mysorean during the last two and a half years than an Outsider.

I might mention here, that I never asked the Mysore Government for an extension of service and that when I gratefully accepted the extension, it was in the hope that INSHAALLAH my stay here would help me to get one day a suitable appointment on the Railway Board, when they take up the question of Indianisation and I had strong reasons to believe that if instead of staying on here, I had gone back and tried for the

post of Deputy Director of Traffic(with Rs.250/- as allowance over and above British pay) which was being created at that time, I had a chance of getting it,as the Railway Board would have possibly liked to take an Indian Officer and I knew the then Members of the Railway Board so well,but I was tempted on to stay and wait till a better chance offered and naturally it is rather discouraging to see such articles. I had a casual talk with Mr.Dove Wilson on the subject and he suggested my treating the article with the contempt that it deserved and therefore no further action is being taken in the matter.

I am only writing this to you as you had mentioned the matter to me.

I might also take this opportunity to state that it is not the few hundred extra that I am getting here,which are keeping me in Mysore but it is the kindness that I have received at the hands of His Highness the Maharaja,yourself,Dewan and all other official and nonofficials in the State,which is responsible for my stay and today if I felt,that I was a burden on the State,I should at once chuck up and go.

I and my family would be far happier in Northern India with only a thousand rupees instead of even Rs.1500/- or 1600/- here as a few hundred is certainly no compensation for being away from parents,relations and friends and when as your last visit to Simla would have probably shown you,that I am not unpopular with the Railway Board and other high officials of the Government of India.

Trust this finds you in the best of health.

With respects,

Yours sincerely,